



COVID-19 & Other Infectious Diseases Health Equity Response Network (CHERN)

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**CDC Epidemiology and Surveillance Task Force
Partnership, Networking and Engagement Session**

Moderators and Introductions



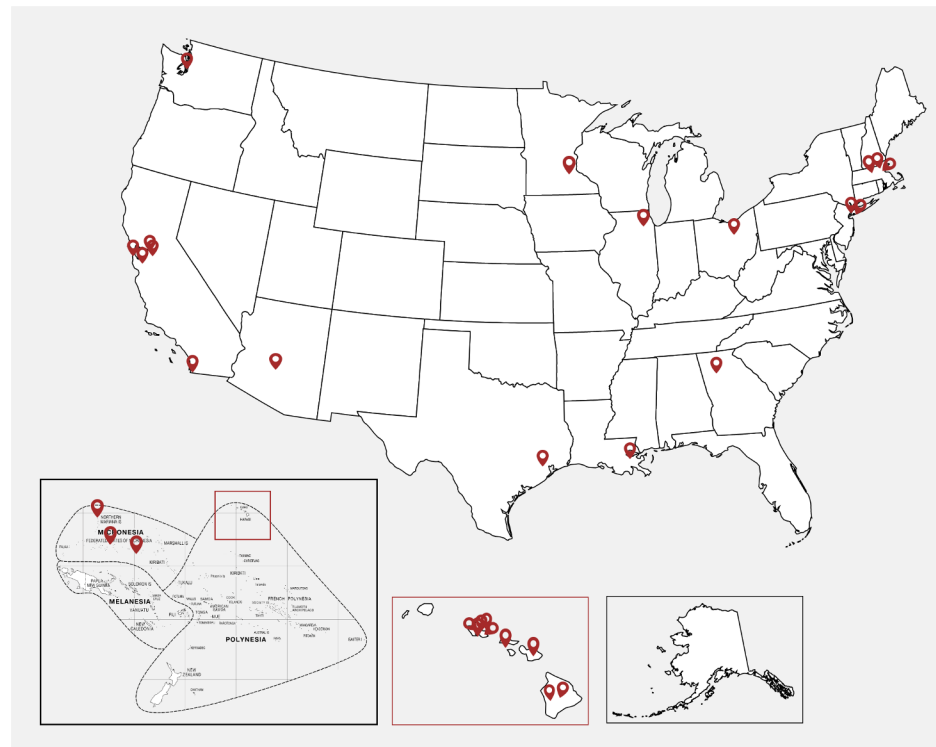
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About AAPCHO

AAPCHO is dedicated to promoting **advocacy, collaboration, and leadership** that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans (AAs), Native Hawaiians (NHs), and Pacific Islanders (PIs) within the United States, the U.S. territories, and the Freely Associated States.



About PI-CoPCE

The Pacific Islander Center of Primary Care Excellence (PI-CoPCE) was established to improve the health of Pacific Islanders (PIs) in the United States and U.S. Pacific through primary care support, research, workforce development, and community initiatives.

PI-CoPCE is unique in such a way that the Center focuses on all Pacific Islanders in the United States, Hawaii, and the U.S. Pacific; is focused only on primary care services; and collaborates not only with community health centers (CHCs) but also with community-based organizations (CBOs).



Overview of CHERN



Background – The Why

- Cultural, Linguistic, Regional, Geographic
- Social Determinants of Health
- Historical and Contemporary Access to Resources

COVID & Other Infectious Diseases Impact on A/AA and NH/PI communities

CHERN

- Primary Care Response Network
- Proactively Engage, Inform, and Train the Healthcare Workforce



CHERN Services

Training and
Technical Assistance

Culturally
Responsive
Communication

Interdisciplinary Coordination of Health
Centers and Affiliated Partners, the Primary
Care Organization Workforce, and Infectious
Disease Subject Matter Experts



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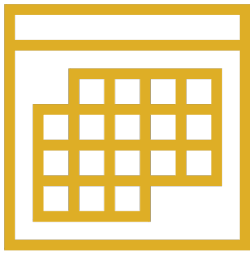


CHERN Local Partners

State/Region	Local Partners of the COVID-19 & Other Infectious Diseases Health Equity Response Network
CA	Asian Health Services
CA	Community Medical Wellness Center USA
CA	North East Medical Services
HI	Kalihi-Palama Health Center
HI	Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services
HI	Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
HI	West Hawaii Community Health Center
HI, USAPI	Pacific Islander Primary Care Association
Kosrae, FSM	Kosrae Community Health Center
NY	Charles B. Wang Community Health Center
OH	Asian Services In Action
WA	International Community Health Services
Yap, FSM	Wa'ab Community Health Center / Yap State Hospital



COVID-19 Roundtables



14 Monthly Roundtables with AA, NH, and PI serving health organizations starting January 2021



81 staff participants including Chief Medical Officers, Clinical Directors, Physicians, Nurses, Community Health Workers



30 Community Health Centers, Community Based Organizations, and Ministries of Health



COVID-19 Roundtables Themes

- Training and Technical Assistance Highlights
 - COVID-19 Vaccination (Eligibility, Accessibility Needs, Linguistically and Culturally appropriate information and resources)
 - COVID-19 Clinical Care (Therapeutics, Variants, Testing, Long COVID, and Whole Person Care)
- Language access and culturally relevant materials
- Physical and emotional strain on CHC and CBO staff especially those providing direct outreach to increase vaccinations
- COVID fatigue has also impacted community members
- Challenges to COVID-19 related clinical care



Training & Technical Assistance Plans

Updated
COVID-19
Vaccine
Information

COVID-19
Treatment

Addressing
Long COVID

Clinical
Consultation
Portal





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